

shall restrain myself to the outlines and principal arguments of your two speeches, confident that I shall not overlook those particular opinions which you wish the nation should embrace, nor those interesting arguments on which you have justified the present war, and repudiated the very idea of peace.

“ It was foretold by Davenant, that whenever the American colonies should find themselves of sufficient strength, they would endeavour to form themselves into a *separate independent state*; and this (you say) has been the constant object of the people of New England almost from their earliest infancy. At the conclusion of the late war an idea prevailed, that the Americans should contribute towards the public expence,” (and that the Parliament of England should tax them for that purpose without their consent.) “ *I shall not pretend to say how proper such a measure* might have been, but the stamp-act passed, and nobody opposed it. Next year the declaratory act was also passed without any opposition. On the following year the port-duties were laid while a noble Lord, now in opposition (Lord Camden) presided on the woollack, he never said a word against them. The Boston port-bill also passed the year before last without any manner of opposition. *Of the following acts I shall say nothing*, but if the other acts were justifiable I think the
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